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BIRTHS.

On the 11th March, at Smith Villas West, Magazine Gap, the wife of P. E. Heermann, of a son. [728]  
On the 13th February, at Taiyuanfu, Shensi, the wife of Prof. E. R. Lyman, of a son.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVREUX ROAD Cl.  
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HONGKONG, 12TH MARCH, 1904

CANONISATION after death has in all ages of the world been a favourite method of showing respect to departed worthies. The method adopted of publishing the fact has varied according to time and circumstances, but the right of declaration has generally been reserved for rulers, sometimes lay, sometimes ecclesiastical. In modern times, in the East and West respectively, two potentates, one lay, the other spiritual—the Emperor of China and the Pope—claim the right of canonisation, and with both it has become a solemn and important rite. The distinctions between the two rites are the differences which hold apart the mental development of Asia and Europe. In the West the spectacle is witnessed in the case of JOAN OF ARC of the steps held necessary before the final declaration of sanctity. JOAN has passed what is officially recognised as the second stage in the process; and having successfully proved herself during life to have been especially distinguished by the possession of the saintly virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, has been adjudged the preliminary title of "Venerable." For full canonisation proof of the working of miracles is required, and here it is that difficulties intervene. It might fairly be urged that the relief of Orleans, brought about in accordance with JOAN's own prophecy, and certainly contrary to all human experience, was a sufficient indication of the approval of

Heaven; but modern Frenchmen are sceptical, and herein lies the difficulty of the case; for whereas all Frenchmen are willing to look upon the heroic girl as the saviour politically of the kingdom, not even the most religious are prepared to regard her as in any special manner the regenerator of the Church, whose position was indeed in no respect called in question whichever political party gained the victory. In any case the position of JOAN herself seems with one or other to be little taken into account. It is quite true that without the declaration of canonisation JOAN of Arc, though of course she may receive the prayers of private individuals, will not be entitled to the adoration of the faithful at large, nor may altars be erected or public prayers offered for her intercession. But the conscience of the West seems never to have looked upon these post-mortem honours in what may be described as a sordid spirit. Canonisation is, and has always been, effected not for the honour of the departed, but for the benefit of the living. We have, in fact, never heard the most ardent ecclesiologist plead for the benefits to the saint himself conferred by the ceremony. The dictum of the Church does not alter in the other world the position of the faithful departed, but it affords the pious below one more opportunity of approaching the Throne of Grace. The saint and the sinner must each be responsible for working out his own salvation. It is true, as the Apostle himself tells us, that the prayer of a righteous man availth much, but no amount of intercession will be able to alter the decree of the Almighty, nor obtain salvation for the unrepentant sinner.

If, after this picture we look to the Far East, how different the vision that meets our eyes, and how gross and palpable the objects of canonisation! The life to come in the Confucian philosophy is but the continuation of that of the present. Death is but a bridge over the narrowest of streams, and on the other side bloom the meadows of immortality, fragrant with the spiritual essence of those same delights which make enjoyable the present existence. Posthumous rewards lose none of their eventual sweetness that they are deferred, and the pleasure of occupying a stand in the Valhalla of worthies is as practical and legitimate an aspiration of the subject's ambition as the attainment during life of the highest honours of the State. The happiness of the departed in the Confucian cult by no means depends on the good actions of the deceased during life, but is entirely influenced by the conduct of those whom he has left behind. No state is so miserable as that of the unfortunate shade who dies without a son to continue the sacrifices, or fails to provide by adoption a substitute. In such a case his spirit has to wander aimlessly through the regions of the departed, dependent on the scant charity which the benevolent may supply at the annual festivals of the bergur spirits. There is here no hint even of what we are in Europe accustomed to call religion, for the future wants of the Manes have to be met, not by the powers above, but by the offerings of the benevolent on earth. Kings and emperors pass away; for a time their Manes meet with loving care from their descendants. The great and powerful cross the bridge which all mortals must traverse without hope of return. As long as their memory is green the offerings smoke at their tombs; but the time will assuredly come when this loving cult will cease, and rich and poor alike descend to the dead level of the wanderer in the realms of the hereafter. But the sage who has from his countrymen, as represented by the Emperor, been canonised feels none of these miseries. For him at the appointed times rich offerings are made, and smoke ascends from thousands of altars. He alone is king and emperor, and when all others are forgotten he still, in the shady realms of the dead, enjoys a greatness and an immortality denied to all.

Such is the practical and material view which canonisation presents to the Chinaman. The benefits which the most holy of sages can confer on the present generation are passed, by as of no account by a people with whom the experience of the past disfavours the belief in the supernatural, or at least in its benevolent influence on the present. But, curiously, the reverse is not held to be the case. The departed can and does inflict injuries, and to avert these is the aim of every Chinaman. It is scarcely from an undiluted feeling of benevolence that offerings are made to the departed, and hence the importance attached to the rite of imperial canonisation, and the enforced offerings to their Manes.

Two plague cases were reported during the day ended at noon yesterday, both being dead bodies "dumped."

Mr. Henry O'Shea's connection with the Shanghai Times ceased on the 5th inst., that journal announces.

A telegram dated Peking, March 4, says:—Senhor Branca, the Portuguese Minister [Extraordinary] to Peking, has concluded the agreement regarding the railway between Macao and Canton.

A telegram from The Hague states that the Russo-Japanese war will not delay the arbitration between Japan and the European Powers on the question of taxation, which will come before The Hague Tribunal in May.

The latest mail papers state that Sir Matthew Nathan was to leave the Gold Coast for England the following week. His stay at home is to be very short, and he will then start for Hongkong to take up the Governorship of this Colony.

The U.S. gunboat *Washington* has left Shanghai for Hankow carrying a guard of fifty marines to be landed there. The U.S.S. *Cincinnati* has gone to Chefoo, where she now lies at anchor, having relieved the U.S.S. *New Orleans*.

The N.C. Daily News Tokyo correspondent says that at the Japanese General Election, the so-called Neutral Party has made a considerable increase, at the expense of the Seiyukai. The Government has remained indifferent, but the result is decidedly favourable.

When Chief Justice Sir William Goodman goes home on leave this month his place will be taken by the Hon. Attorney-General, Sir Henry Berkeley, whose duties will in turn be assumed by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law.

It is believed that a Scottish descent can be claimed for Rear-Admiral Stark, who commands the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Many officers in the Russian service trace their descent from Scotsmen who arrived in Russia during the time of Peter the Great and the Empress Catherine.

H.M. the King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Captain Lionel Aubrey Walter Barnes Lawrence, R.N., to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong for so long as he shall hold the office of Harbour Master of this colony.

The report of the Tientsin Land Investment Co., Ltd., for 1903, shows a net profit for the year of £14,029. Out of this an interim dividend of 4 per cent. has been paid, and it has been decided to pay a final dividend of 5 per cent., place £1,000 to reserve, and carry forward the balance, £1,325.

The Japanese Acting Consul at Manila reports to the Tokyo Government that the Administrative Council there has passed a resolution in favour of lowering the rate of Customs duty on imported matches to just half the scale now in force. It is said that the Japanese authorities had, at the instance of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce, approached the U.S. Government in November last with a view to the tariff rate on Japanese matches being decreased.

A report reached London from Paris last month that the agreement now reached between France and Siam does not differ very greatly from the agreement of October, 1902, the ratification of which was prevented by the French Colonial party. The Bangkok Government, it is believed, has now given way on some minor points, particularly concerning the appointment of more Frenchmen in the Siamese service. The recession of Chantaboon to its lawful owner remains, and to Siam this, and the question of railway communication in the Mekong Valley, are the chief points.

With reference to the serious riot at Chiningchou, which we reported last Saturday, it is reported in Shanghai mandarin circles according to the N.C. Daily News that not only was the sub-prefect's yamen looted by the exasperated farmers of Chiningchou, but the place was also set on fire by them and gutted. Further, after working their will with all things official within the vicinity, the mob left the city—the gates of which were at once closed by the frightened mandarins—and marching in a northerly direction proceeded to cut down the telegraph lines and tear up the poles. After doing this extra damage the mob then dispersed vowed to make matters still worse for the mandarins if any further attempt were made to collect the exorbitant so-called war indemnity taxes from them. The telegraph officials at Chiningchou showed commendable alacrity in restoring the telegraph lines torn down by the mob and communication with Peking was speedily restored.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:—

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On the 4th inst. Prince Pu Lan left Peking on his way to Shanghai and S. Louis.

The "Japan Sympathetic Fund" reached \$1,153 last Saturday. This fund, promoted by the N.C. Daily News, is now closed, a Neutral Relief Fund Committee having been formed in Shanghai. The other fund's proceeds have been sent to the Japanese Consul.

Notwithstanding the many complaints brought to the notice of the police concerning pavement nuisances in Hongkong, the evil still continues, to all appearance unabated. Yesterday, about midday, a correspondent says he observed several instances of pedestrians, some of them ladies, being jostled by coolies carrying loads along the footpaths, where they had no right to be.

In Japanese picture-shop in D'Aguilar Street there is at present to be seen displayed a weird and picturesque view of the sinking of a Russian warship at Chemulpo. It attracts crowds of Chinese. A huge Russian vessel is depicted going down stern first with her bow in the air, while the miniature Japanese torpedo-boat which has done all the damage glides smoothly away unharmed.

Monica journalism is daily giving evidence of its enterprise. We have noted a few examples lately. Now the *Cablenews* has managed to get still further than usual ahead of the times (*Manila Times*), as is witnessed by the following telegram appearing in it:—Peking, April [sic]. 4.—Taking advantage of the unsettled state of the country and the reported death of the Empress Dowager, a movement looking towards a change of dynasty is now afoot in this city. Revolutionary placards have been posted up and there are various indications pointing to an outbreak. These have been sufficiently serious to alarm the authorities, and repressive measures have been ordered.

We are requested by Mr. G. Friesland, honorary secretary of the Club Germania, Hongkong, to state that the members of the said club have started a fund for the wounded of both countries in the war between Russia and Japan, to be divided into equal parts. This fund is in connection with the one inaugurated by *Der Ostasiatische Lloyd*, Shanghai. The subscriptions collected so far are as follow:—

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N. A. Siebs...	100
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The London correspondent of the *Birmingham Daily Post*, writing just before the war, stated he had high authority for stating that M. Delcassé, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, had within the past few days forwarded to Count Lamsdorf, the Russian Imperial Chancellor, a long note reviewing with particular reference to the situation in the Far East, Franco-Russian relations since 1900. Special stress, the correspondent believed, was laid upon the fact that, after the publication of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement in January, 1902, the French and Russian Governments joined in approving the general terms of that instrument, as far as they referred to the status quo in China and Korea, and that, as in the interval the situation in the Far East had materially altered, it was necessary for France to consider what further steps she might have to take in the event of hostilities breaking out between Russia and Japan. France could not commit herself to any measures which, though possibly advancing Russian interests, might be found to be hazardous—or, at best, unduly adventurous—from the French point of view. "This," the correspondent adds, "is a very important development of the diplomatic situation, and it may be considered certain to be taken into account at S. Petersburg during what is likely to be a difficult and difficult task of drawing up the latest reply to Japan." Yet

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night:—  
March.... "Picadore"..... Sones  
Overture ... "La Reine d'un Jour" ... Adam  
Selection ... "The Girl from Key's" ... Ivan Caryl  
Song ... "Sunshine and Rain" ... Blundell  
Selection "Reminiscences of Scotland" Godfrey  
Waltz ... "Auf Schwingen der Liebe" ... Bonn  
Dance ... "The Sun Feast" ... Waller  
Dance ... "God Save the King" ... Waller

On Thursday night a very enjoyable dance was given at the City Hall by the pupils of Mrs. Donaldson, who has conducted successful dancing classes in Hongkong during the past winter season. About 100 couples were present. Music was supplied by the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry, and dancing was kept up with great spirit till half-past one o'clock yesterday morning. In the course of the evening Piper J. Z. Sinclair played the Eighteen Reel ("The Devil among the Tailors"), and in an interval later on the Highland Fling ("Miss Drummond of Perth"), to which Mr. J. C. Ritchie danced a *pas de deux*, vociferous applause rewarding his effort. Of the Dance Committee Mr. N. Mumford was Hon. President, Mr. W. F. Donaldson Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. P. Goodwin Hon. Treasurer; the other members being Messrs. A. G. Mackie, F. MacRobie, S. D. Seigne, C. B. Buyers, A. McKirky, A. W. Hill and M. Simmons. The programme was as follows:—

Lancers	Highland Schottische
Waltz	Waltz
Caledonians	Burk Dance
Waltz	Caledonians
Polka	Waltz
Waltz	Waltz
Eighteen Reel	Sir Roger de Coverley
Burn Dance	Circassian Circle

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Hors D'oeuvres  
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SOUP.  
Potage Velours.  
FISH.  
Fried Soles & 1'Orly.  
ENTREES.  
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Egg Cremesueuse Sauce Piquante.

CHEESE.  
Gibet Curry.

JOINTS.  
Roast Ribs of Beef and Horseradish  
Roast Pheasant and Bread Sauce  
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COLD.  
Galantine of Veal  
Tomato Salad.

SWEETS.  
Pudding a la Reine  
Nesselrode Ice Cream

Apricot Tart  
Tipsey Cake.

There are certain prizes in the gift of the Journal of Tropical Medicine for essays on subjects connected with tropical diseases. We send that the Bellis Prize of £10, presented by Mr. E. R. Bellis, C.M.G. (who is still miscalled "the Hon." E. R. Bellis in the home papers), for the best article on "The System of Draining and Sewerage (Domestic and Municipal) Best Suited for Tropical Climates," has been awarded to Captain J. W. Cornwall, I.M.S., and Major F. Smith, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., who divide the prize between them, the papers being adjudged of equal merit.

Discussing recently with an interviewer the question of settling Jews in Eastern Siberia, M. de Plehev said that a project of Jewish colonisation in Manchuria had been spoken of, and he intended discussing it with Admiral Alexieff during his coming visit to S. Petersburg—which has not come yet! M. de Plehev also promised to consult the Admiral with regard to a scheme for the establishment of Jewish colonies in Southern Siberia, with a view to creating a barrier, composed, if not of Russians, at any rate of Russian subjects, against the growing invasion of the country by the Chinese.

Mr. Lucien Wolf, the well-known Anglo-Jewish writer on foreign politics, had an interesting interview not long ago with M. de Plehev, the Minister who has so much influence with the Tsar. He describes him thus:—The impression he made upon me was, I am bound to say, exceedingly favourable. He has nothing of the typical Russian politician about him. In appearance he is almost English. Tall and massive, with short-cropped iron-grey whiskers and moustache, he looks something like Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman writ large. He speaks slowly and deliberately, without a touch of the cynicism usually affected by the polished Russian. Though a somewhat impulsive listener, he readily responds to any touch of humour and laughs heartily. Homely and paternal, his bearing is marked by an old-world courtesy, neither conventional nor artificially effusive. He is a strong man, and I should imagine an honest one, conscientious and inflexible as an administrator, but with little taste for experimental or constructive statesmanship. If all we hear about the character of the Tsar is true, I can well understand the influence M. de Plehev exercises over him.

THE A.D.C. IN "HIS EXCELLENCY."

The first of two extra performances by the Hongkong A.D.C. of *His Excellency* took place last night.

A few alterations were made, the principal one among the characters being that Mr. C. E. Hance took the part formerly filled by Lieut. Butt. A couple of dances were introduced in the Second Act, with great effect, that between Nanna and the Governor being an instantaneous success. All round the extra rehearsals had given a greater dash to the representation, which is now a real triumph for our amateur actors.

One of the chief hits of the evening was when in his song in the second Act, Lieut. Davidson introduced the following amusing topical verse, which was received with loud applause:—

There is a serious question which is vexing my community,  
And calls to the bursting-point my overburdened mind.  
The management of servants lends a splendid opportunity,  
To Governors and others of

## SPORTING NOTES.

The season of sport is dying slowly, but the end is not far off. The last cricket matches will soon be played. To-day the match on the Cricket Ground will be. Club v. United Service, the home side having got together a fair but decidedly experimental eleven. In the League the Civil Service C. C. should put themselves still further ahead of their nearest competitors when they meet the R.A.M.C., to-day, and should thus draw closer to the A.O.C.—though they cannot, of course, dispute the championship with the last-named, who have completed their season. The Crocengower should beat the R.E. The following is the League Table up to date—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
A.O.C.	14	13	1	0	39
Civil Service	13	10	2	1	31
Crocengower	13	7	4	2	23
H.K.C.C., "A"	13	7	6	0	21
R.E.	12	6	6	0	18
R.A.M.C.	11	2	8	1	7
Parsons	12	2	10	0	6
H.M.S. Tamar	14	2	12	0	6

Two good football matches are to be played to-day. In the first place, there is the replayed tie between the *Cressy* and the *Leviathan* in the semi-final round of the Shield. As the *Leviathan* managed to draw on Wednesday with only ten men for the greater part of the game, they will be fancied to-day. Their play in the second half of the drawn game was admirable, and if they can keep up this form, should win the Cup. The game is advertised to take place on the Club ground at 2.45 p.m. After this, on the same ground, a Rugby game will come off between the H.K.R.F.C. and H.M.S. *Allion*. The Club has a good team, and they will want it. Football enthusiasts have no cause for complaint about to-day's matches.

The bowling match down for decision on Monday at the Hongkong Club looks as if it should be interesting. Time was when the Navy played the full strength of the Club, but there do not seem so many good bowlers in the China Squadron just now. Nevertheless, there are some very strong players, to judge by recent form on the alleys. The Club team is of fair strength and should hold its own.

The verdict on Tuesday night's boxing was practically unanimous, public and Press alike condemning the disgraceful scenes in the St. Clair-Morgan contest. But with regard to this I should like to point out that the public is partly to blame. The audience was very excited—particularly the naval part of it—and allegations of "fool" in the first round before any trouble had arisen were calculated to spoil the fight at the very start. The police are much to be commended on the way in which they handled the crowd on the stage in the sixth round. I hear that it is likely that more supervision will be exercised in future before, and not after, such matches.

Owing to some of the members being unwell, and other causes, the Boat Club's regatta has been indefinitely postponed. This is very much to be regretted.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club competes for the R.E. Cup on Sunday, the 17th inst., already mentioned in these columns. The Championship Class race will be the eighth Club Race to-day.

The V.R.C. are training for their sports, which come off on the 4th prox. A "smoker" will be given on the 23rd prox.; a four-oared scratch race also being held on that day. It is expected that gymnasium classes, under an instructor, will commence shortly.

On the 6th ult. the English Football Cup Ties (first round proper) were played off. Woolwich Arsenal, Southampton, and Tottenham Hotspur amongst the Southern clubs won their matches, Millwall, Bristol City, and Portsmouth being defeated, and Reading and Plymouth making a draw. The winning clubs in the North were Blackburn, Bury, Manchester City, Middlesbrough, Preston, Aston Villa, and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Notts County drew with Manchester United, and the match at West Bromwich could not be played.

The test matches are over, and Australia by her victory at Melbourne reduced England's lead in the series just concluded to one game—3 to 2. In the final game Warner's team, short of Hayward and with the worst of the wicket, made a poor show, and in a low-scoring contest were more than 200 runs behind. The test matches during the present Australian season have been favoured with singularly poor weather for Australia; and the amount of wet wickets chronicled in minds one of English cricket. To-day the Englishmen commence their last game, playing the return with South Australia, whom they failed to defeat last November through lack of time. Up to date they have only lost two matches on the tour, and they should pull through at Adelaide, in spite of Hayward's illness. On the 17th inst. the team leaves Adelaide, and on the 4th April return home bound.

A new cricket record was made in Ceylon last month, when Mr. W. S. Kindersley, of the Ceylon Civil Service, put together 231, not out, in the second innings of Kahatara v. Kalam Valley. This is an Island record, the previous best being Mr. A. L. Gibson's 218 in 1902. Mr. Kindersley also made 67 in the first innings, but he appears to have been rather lucky in getting his 200.

OMPAX.

## WAR NOTES.

## THE "MANDOUJE" CASE

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The following items are from Shanghai and Japanese papers:—

The *Waiwapa* and the Russian Minister at Peking are reported to have decided upon the following as contraband goods during the Russo-Japanese war:—Hand and artillery weapons, iron tools, combustible substances, explosive materials and apparatus, all supplies necessary for the artillery, military engineering, and infantry, cutting iron wires, building pontoons, and pontoon bridges, army provisions, uniforms, material for navigating vessels, all kinds of engines used on board vessels, all kinds of boilers, coal, *Shih Non* oil, spirits of wine, all telegram codes, railway materials, provisions, rice and stores, horses and live stock, all kinds of necessities for land and naval engagements.

The *China Times* correspondent at Yinkou denies the truth of the report of the frustrated attempt to blow up the Sungari railway bridge, and the hanging of three Japanese officers. The statement was circulated by the Russians to impress the Chinese.

It seems now that the Japanese who landed at Tengchow, Shantung, and were reported to have come from a sunken Japanese cruiser, were really from the steamer *Jinsen* which went down near the entrance to Port Arthur. They subsequently went on to Chefoo, and a Japanese cruiser and torpedo-boat entered Chefoo harbour without lights at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 25th ult. and took on board all the survivors, leaving before daylight.

A reliable correspondent sends to the *N. C. Daily News* the interesting news that the whole of the rolling stock from the Shantung-Yinkou line has been brought within the Wall, so that the Russians will find a bare line only when they come that way. From this the correspondent infers that the Chinese, in connection with their northern railway system, are going to profit by their last experience with the Russians.

THE TEA-SEAS MANIFESTO.

The *Official Messenger*, S. Petersburg, of the 10th ult. publishes the following manifesto by the Tea:—

"We proclaim to all our faithful subjects:—

"In our solicitude for the preservation of that peace so dear to our heart, we have put forth every effort to assure tranquillity in the Far East. To these pacific ends we declared our assent to the revision, proposed by the Japanese Government, of the agreements existing between the two Empires concerning Korean affairs. The negotiations initiated on this subject were, however, not brought to conclusion, and Japan not even awaiting the arrival of our last reply and the proposals of our Government informed us of the rupture of the negotiations and of diplomatic relations with Russia. Without previously notifying that the rupture of such relations implied the beginning of warlike action, the Japanese ordered its torpedo-boats to make a sudden attack on our squadron in the outer roadstead of the fortress of Port Arthur. After receiving the report of our victory on the subject, we at once commanded Japan's challenge to be replied to by arms. While proclaiming this, our resolve, we, in unshakable confidence in the help of the Almighty, and firmly trusting in the unanimous readiness of all Our faithful subjects to defend the Fatherland together with Ourselves, We invoke God's blessing on our glorious forces of the Army and Navy."

A RIDICULOUS TALE.

A Berlin telegram says that M. Etienne, Vice-President of the French Chamber of Deputies, expressed, in the budget committee, the hope that the war in the Far East will be localised, but also the apprehension that the Japanese plans were directed against Indo-China. He said, the French naval basis in Indo-China was not sufficient; it was necessary to build at once fortifications and more men-of-war.

## THE CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

On the 10th ult. Mr. Weir, M.P., asked in the House the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, seeing that the British and Chinese Corporation were granted a preliminary agreement for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon Railway on March 23, 1899, if he would state when the final agreement was expected to be concluded and the construction of the line proceeded with.

Earl Percy replied: The preliminary agreement for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon line was signed on March 23, 1899. We are informed by the British and Chinese Corporation that as soon as arrangements have been made for financing the Shanghai-Nanking Railway negotiations for the conclusion of the final agreement for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon line will be proceeded with. The matter is receiving very careful attention.

## THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS. SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH, 1904

## NAVAL NOTES.

## ADMIRAL SIR CYPRIAN BRIDGE.

The Shanghai *Taotai* received on Thursday, the 3rd inst., a dispatch from M. Kleineau, Russian Consul-General, notifying the former that he had received telegraphic instructions from M. Lesser, Russian Minister at Peking, consenting to the disarming of the *Mandjour*, and the removal of the breech-blocks of the big guns, and ammunition of the cruiser shall be handed over to the Imperial Maritime Customs, to be taken care of during the continuance of the present war. Next day the Russian Consul-General sent another dispatch to Yuan Tsotai asking him to see Mr. Hobson, the Shanghai Commissioner of Customs, about naming a day when the latter shall call at the Russian Consulate to settle about the handing over of the breech-blocks, etc., of the *Mandjour*. As for the crew of the cruiser, it is believed that only a few men will be left on board as caretakers, the rest to be paroled that they will not fight in the present war and then probably be sent back to Russia.

## NORTHERN NEWS.

The following items are from Shanghai and Japanese papers:—

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The following paragraph from a home paper of the 12th ult. is interesting:—Although there is no expectation at the present moment that Great Britain will be drawn into the fight in the Far East, the Admiralty is preparing for any eventuality that may arise. There is no feverish anxiety in the matter, but in every dockyard and on every station preparations are being quietly proceeded with. Nothing has been settled yet as to reinforcements for the China station, but certain ships on the Mediterranean, East India, and Australian stations are being kept ready to sail on the shortest notice. A cruiser squadron will also probably be got together in the Mediterranean which can be at once despatched if the necessity arises. The names of the *Formidable* and the *Russell* are mentioned as two of the three battleships that may be sent to the China station, and it is also stated that the two ex-Chilean battleships, *Triumph* and *Swiftsure*, are being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and will be commissioned for China as soon as they are ready. The Admiralty have notified the men in the various divisions of the Naval Reserve that the ships and depots they are to join in the event of their being called up for service,

## SUPREME COURT.

## Friday, 11th March.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

## BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## WATKINS LD. v. L. D. HILLS.

This was an action in which Watkins LD., chemists, druggists, wine merchants, etc., carrying on business at 31, Queen's Road Central, sought an injunction to restrain Livingston D. Hills, lately employed by them as an assistant, from acting as assistant in the trade or business of a chemist, druggist, aerated water manufacturer, wine and spirit merchant, or perfumer in Hongkong. Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada o Castro, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant was unrepresented.

Mr. Slade read the statement of claim, which was to the effect that defendant was a chemist, and was formerly an assistant in the employ of the plaintiff company and was now an assistant at The Pharmacy, 12, Queen's Road Central. By an agreement dated 20th December, 1902, made between the plaintiff company and the defendant for the consideration therein mentioned, the defendant agreed to serve the plaintiff company as a general assistant in Hongkong or at any Treaty port in China or in the Philippines except for the benefit of the written consent of the plaintiff company. Defendant arrived in this Colony in or about February, 1902, and continued to act in the capacity of general assistant to the plaintiff company until 20th October, 1903, when the plaintiff company dismissed him from their service for misconduct and neglect of duty. Since his dismissal defendant in breach of his agreement and without the consent of the plaintiff company had entered into the service of the firm carrying on business at 12, Queen's Road Central, as druggists and chemists, wine and spirit merchants and perfumers, under the style of "The Pharmacy." Plaintiffs claimed they had been injured in their business by reason of the act of the defendant, and would continue to be injured unless the defendant was restrained from continuing to commit breaches of his agreement; they accordingly sought an injunction as described above.

His Lordship said there were a great many cases of this kind in the *Encyclopaedia of Law*.

These restrictions of trade must be reasonable. He supposed defendant's passage had been paid out?

Mr. Slade—Yes.

His Lordship—I think it is a reasonable thing that he should not be employed here; I think it is an unreasonable thing that he should not be employed in any Treaty port.

Mr. Slade—We are not asking for that, my Lord.

Mr. G. A. Watkins, of Watkins, LD. having given evidence,

His Lordship granted the injunction, restricted to Hongkong, with costs.

## HOCKEY CUP.

## H.M.S. "LEVIAHAN" v. H.M.S. "OCEAN."

The above, a Cup match, was played on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. It was the *Leviathan*'s second appearance in the shield; on the first occasion they beat the *Centurion* by three goals to nil. After some fast, fairly even play England scored a good goal for the *Leviathan* amid great applause. Chichester (*Leviathan*) got a nasty knock, necessitating his lying down for some time. The *Leviathan* shortly afterwards had their revenge on Drake Brockman, who received an injury. Chichester, having a relapse, was obliged to retire. Dowding then scored a goal for the *Ocean*. Morris, the *Ocean*'s goal-keeper, limping badly, demonstrated that he was hurt too. Holt scored another for the *Ocean*. At half-time the score was *Ocean*, 2; *Leviathan*, 1. Although the ball was once kicked into the *Ocean*'s net nothing further was scored before the whistle finally announced a win for the *Ocean*.

A semi-final Cup match will be re-played on Monday between the 11th Mohatta Light Infantry and the 33rd Burma Infantry (2nd team). They drew a week ago, each side scoring two goals; the game promises to be a good one.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

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Evensong (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Final; Psalms, Barnby, Turke and Hawes; Magnificat, Robinson in E flat; Nunc Dimittis, Hopkins in A flat; Hymns, 197, 254, and 257; Vesper Hymn—Ward (No. 1).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition Declaration and specification required by the above named Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, and that it is the intention of the said GERALD EDWARD HOLLAND and HENRY JOHNSTON to apply for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of the sail Invention at a sitting of the Executive Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Victoria, Hongkong on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1904.

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on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1904.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [714]

## NOTICE.

IT has been decided to invite subscriptions from the Community for the following objects in connection with the Russo-Japanese War.

1. Providing additional comforts in hospital treating all sick and wounded from the war.

2. Subscriptions in aid of the families of Japanese killed in the war.

It is proposed to communicate with His Britannic Majesties' Minister at Tokyo as to the distribution of the fund to the best advantage.

The respective funds will be administered at the discretion of the Committee for the above mentioned objects.

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## THE WOMAN ON THE DERELICT, BEING THE STRANGE LOVE STORY OF JOHN BRAMWELL, BY GUY BOOTHBY.

(Author of "Dr. Nikolai," "My Indian  
Queen," &c., &c.)

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

When we had secured a sofa, we set off, and in due course reached the place in question. It was a pretty little spot of the usual Italian type, shut in by cypresses, larches, and overgrown oaks, with, of course, the inevitable olive. We entered, and this time made inquiries of an elderly man-servant, who with many gesticulations informed us that the illustrious Signor Canti was at that moment taking a nap in his garden. If we would be pleased to follow him, he would be honoured to conduct us.

We did so, and were led down a narrow path, before which an old man with gray hair, and wearing a velvet coat, was hobbling up and down, supported by a stick. As it soon appeared, he did not hear us, being well nigh as deaf as a post. At length my interpreter was able to make him understand the reason of my intrusion upon his privacy. I took the photograph from my pocket, and handed it to the interpreter, with the request that he would ask the old gentleman whether he could remember the original.

Having produced his spectacles, he examined it carefully, and then suddenly throwing up his hands, as if in astonishment, he said something excitedly to my companion. That he had recognized her was evident from his excitement, which was only equalled by my own. Why didn't he speak? I was in a fever of impatience. I implored the interpreter to hurry him.

An animated conversation ensued. At last my turn came to me.

"She was the best pupil he ever had, he says, and her name, so far as I can understand him, was Angela Carbridge, but he says that, if you will accompany him into the house, he will show you one of her pictures with her signature upon it. He has also a photograph of her, taken in Florence two years ago."

"Tell him that I will accompany him only if he is glad." I hastened to say. And as we made our way along the path towards the Villa, I murmured to myself, over and over again,

"Angela Carbridge, Angela Carbridge." I liked the name better than Alexandra, and it seemed to fit her soft beauty better than any other could do.

When we reached the house he invited us to enter and conducted us to a room on the right, the walls of which were literally covered with paintings. Passing to one at the further end he pointed to it with his stick and said something to my companion.

"He wishes to tell you that that is the picture, and that you will find her name upon it." I stepped forward and examined it. In the left hand corner was the name, "Angela Carbridge." It was a beautiful picture, and of just the type I should have imagined she would have painted.

While I was examining it, he was searching in a handsomely curved old desk for what eventually proved to be an album containing the portraits of some hundreds of his pupils. At length he found it, and hobbling across the room placed it upon the table. So poor was his eyesight that, when he leaned over it, his nose well nigh touched the page. At last he came upon what he wanted, and signed to me to look. It was she—there could be no doubt about that. But in this photograph there was no sign of sadness—no premonition of the sorrow that was to come. I would have given anything for it, but the old man would have been insulted had I asked him for it. I told the interpreter to inquire whether the old gentleman knew what had become of her—but to my shock his head nodded, and then striking the table with his fist burst into a torrent of speech. When he had finished the interpreter began.

"He can tell you nothing, he says, but that she left him suddenly and without warning. He believes that she was the victim of treachery, and that, old as he is, could meet the man, he would kill him with his own hands."

"Tell him that I will stake my life on her purity," I cried passionately.

"He says that he believes in her, as much as the Signor does."

"Has he any idea who the man was?"

"He shook his head."

"But the other pupils asserted that there was a man in the case."

"Is there any pupil who said so living in Florence?" I asked.

But it appeared that there was not. They had drifted all over the world. Some were in Paris, some in Berlin, some in Vienna. Many had gone back to America and some to England. On hearing this, you may be sure that I pricked up my ears, and enquired whether I would give me the name and address of one of them.

This took some time to find, but eventually he was successful, and I wrote in my pocket book, "Miss Matheson, Belgrave Studios, Fulham Road." I resolved to call upon Miss Matheson immediately I reached London. There was another in Lancashire, but the old gentleman did not seem quite certain whether she was studying and teaching at the time, I thanked the old gentleman most heartily for the assistance he had rendered me. He begged that I would not do any thing of the kind, that it was no honour for him that I should ask his assistance, particularly that I should have come such a long distance to do so. I then enquired whether I could give him any news of his old pupil. And when I informed him that she was in London, painting as well as ever, tears rose in the old man's eyes and coursed down his cheeks.

Before leaving he insisted that I should take partake of his hospitality, and beg me to excuse him, left the room, to return a few minutes later with a flask of wine, his old servant following him with glassess.

After the dusty drive we had had, it was exceedingly refreshing. Then bidding him "adieu" we proceeded to the cab. As we drove away I thought over in my mind what I had heard, and felt the anger rising again at the thought of any imputation being brought against the woman I had learnt to love.

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REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been the medium of a fair business at \$107, \$108 and \$109 cash, and equivalent rates on time, the market closing firm at the latter rate. Suzon are unchanged at \$10 sellers.

MISCELLANEOUS.—A few Raids have changed hands at \$7½ and \$7¾ and more shares are obtainable at the lower quotation.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold at \$205 and more shares are on offer at this rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are weak at \$291 or the final dividend of \$2½ per share for 1903 paid to day. New Amy Docks come on offer at \$37½. Furnishings are quoted at \$114.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have been placed at \$149 at which rate more shares are procurable. Kowloon Lands and West Points continue on offer at quotations. Hongkong Hotels have dropped to \$143 sellers. Humphrey & Eaton have sold and continue in request at \$10½. Shanghai's Lats are steady at the price of \$10.

COTTON MILLS.—No business is reported under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Comants can be placed at \$81. Watsons have sold at \$14½. Ice have receded to \$224 sellers. Ropes are procurable at \$150, and Tramways at \$80. China Light and Powers are wanted at \$84.

MEAT.—China Borneo Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the 10th March. China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the 1st March; transfer books closed from the 10th to 19th March inclusive. Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. ordinary half-yearly meeting on the 10th March; transfer books closed from the 10th to 19th March inclusive. China Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd. and Taiwan Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meetings on the 2nd March.

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"A pretty pair you are," I observed. "It's no fault of yours that I am alive at this minute. Turn over, my friend, with the stomach a-ache, and let me have a look at your handsome countenance. Great Scott!"

He was none other than my dapper friend, the man who had got into the railway carriage at Charing Cross, and who had been so seasick on the way to Calais.

I then crossed to the other man, who was still unconscious. He, however, proved to be a stranger.

"If you don't mind, my friend," I observed, "I'll take possession of this pretty little penknife of yours, and go through your pockets to see if I can find any documents bearing upon this case."

"I did so, but all I could discover was one letter, which I placed in my pocket to be examined later. The other fellow had nothing on him in the way of correspondence, but what was better still he was beginning to revive. Lifting him to his feet by the scruff of his neck, I told him of the predicament in which I was placed in not being able to find my way back to my hotel. I told him that I wished to get there as soon as possible, and that I desired him to take me there. I showed him the knife I had taken from his friend, and informed him that I would use it on him without the least compunction if he played me any tricks.

"As we are old fellow-travellers," I continued, "we will show our regard for each other by walking arm in arm. It will then be impossible for you to get away from me."

Saying that it was useless for them to resist he accepted the inevitable, and in less than a quarter of an hour I was bidding him "good-night" on the doorstep, accompanied by some advice which may, or may not, have proved of service to him.

(To be continued.)

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 11th March, 1904:—

With the exception of a large business in Indo-China, and a fair one in Siam, we have but little to report. General business continues dull and rates have ruled weak.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai, after small sales at \$610 declined to \$605 nominal, with no buyers over that rate; no sellers, however, the rate must still be considered more or less nominal. The London rate continues unchanged at £50. Nationals are still enquired for at \$82 without business.

MAINE INSURANCES.—Unions have declined to \$490. China Trades remain unchanged at \$556 after small sales at that rate. Cantons have changed hands at \$175 and remain on offer at that rate. In the Northern Insurance Co.'s we have nothing to report.

FIRES INSURANCES.—Hongkong have found buyers at \$280 ex div. of \$22½ paid on 7th inst., while China are on offer at \$33 ex div. of \$7 paid to day.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been placed at \$27, sellers ruling the market at time of writing at that rate. Indo-China, after sales at \$592, quickly rose to \$61, with sales at intermediate rates for each and at about equivalent rates forward, chiefly for June and July. The rates were fairly well maintained until yesterday, where a weakness was apparent, and has since become accentuated, the market closing at \$33 cash sellers, and a comparatively lower rate forward. Shaw, Savill & Albion, after sales at 18½ and 18¾, close forward, after sales at 19½. Old Star Ferries are enquired for at \$30. Douglas remain unchanged and without business. China and Manilla have been placed at \$26, and close with sellers at that rate. This Company's report which was published to day shows a balance at the debit of working account of \$63,124.66, against a debit balance of \$44,354.81 brought forward from last year. The profit and loss account is credited with the profit (\$14,748.49) on the book value of the ss "Diamante," which has been sold, and also with \$31,227.36 transferred from undeveloped account.

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
 Mar. 10, GAELIC, British str., 2,631, William Finch R.N.V.R., San Francisco 10th Feb., Honolulu 18th, Yokohama 2nd Mar., Kobe 4th, Nagasaki 6th, and Shanghaia 8th, Mails and General—O. & S. S. Co.  
 Mar. 10, HANOU, French str., 339, P. Merlees, Haiphong and Hoihow 9th Mar., General—A. R. MARTY.  
 Mar. 11, CHOWTAI, German steamer, 1,115, H. T. T. Baugkok via Kohsien 4th Mar., Kico—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
 Mar. 11, COEROMANDEL, British str., 2,783, G. M. Montford R.N.V.R., Shanghai 8th March, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 Mar. 11, HACHING, British str., 1,267, A. E. Hodgins, Swatow 10th March, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
 Mar. 11, HAIHUA, French str., 377, L. Daniels, Pukhoi and Hoihow 10th Mar., General—A. R. MARTY.  
 Mar. 11, M. STRUVE, German str., 936, P. Brandt, Tamsui etc. Swatow 9th March, General—SAO SHOEN KAISHA.  
 Mar. 11, SIMIA, British str., 3,805, F. Summers, Bombay 23rd Feb. and Singapore 6th Mar., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 Mar. 11, SOPHIE RICHMOND, German str., 2,262, H. F. Pape, Kuching 7th March, Coal—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA

CLEARANCES.  
 AT THE GATEHOUSE MARINE'S OFFICE.  
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Progress, German str., for Hoihow.  
 Tsinlung, British str., for Kowloon.  
 Tingting, British str., for Chinkiang.  
 Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

11th March.  
 AMARA, British str., for Saigon.  
 DECIMA, German str., for Saigon.  
 EASTLON, British str., for Australia.  
 INDEPENDENT, German str., for Kobe.  
 KANSU, British str., for Swatow.  
 KWANGTUNG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
 ST. NICHOLAS, British str., for Bassin.  
 TAKANO, British str., for Swatow.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

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KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YOKOHAMA	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	21st inst.
SHANGHAI	YOKOHAMA	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YIN-DO & SHANGHAI	YOKOHAMA	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	14th inst., at 4 P.M.
AMOY, MANILA, SEBU & ILLOIO	FOOCHOW	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	15th inst., at 4 P.M.
TAM-SU, via SWATOW & AMOY	FOOCHOW	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	19th inst., at Noon.
TAM-SU, via SWATOW & AMOY	FOOCHOW	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	20th inst., at 10 A.M.
ANPING, via SWATOW & AMOY	FOOCHOW	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	FOOCHOW	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	17th inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	FOOCHOW	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	23rd inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
MANILA	CEMERA	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	16th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	19th inst., at 10 A.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	About 30th April.
HONGKONG, via SINGAPORE & PENANG	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	15th inst., at 3 P.M.
	ZAFIRO	Ital. str.	G. W. Gordon	YOKOHAMA	To-day, at Noon.

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## STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI	MALACCA	Malacca, 11th	Freight and Passage
HAI, MOJI and KOBE	A. F. Street	March	Passage
(Passing through the Inland Sea)			
LONDON, &c.	COROMANDEL	Noon, 12th	See Special Advertisement
	G. M. Montford, R.N.E.	March	

SHANGHAI	SIMLA	4 P.M.	12th	Freight and Passage.
	F. R. Summers		March	

LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, BORNEO, COLOMBO-PORT SAID and G. W. Gordon, R.N.E.

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## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 22nd March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 24th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 31st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 5th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 10th April.

## HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"AJAX"	On 15th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	On 29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 12th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	On 20th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.

Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"NINGCHOW"	On 24th March.
The s.s. "TYDEUS" left Victoria B.C., on the 21st inst., for Japan and Hongkong.		

For freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1904.

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**CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"KAIFONG"	On 12th Mar., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 14th Mar., 4 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"PAKEHOI"	On 15th Mar., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"CHINAN"	On 16th Mar., 4 P.M.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU and ILIOHO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 19th Mar., Noon.
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 21st March.
POR DARWIN, THURSDAY		
ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 8th April.

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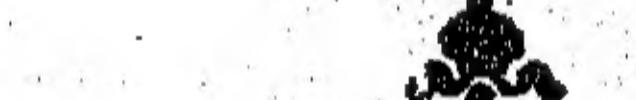
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Hongkong, 12th March, 1904.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.  
THE Company's Steamship

"TRISTE,"

Captain Mezzel will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst., P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO.

Agents.

Princes' Building.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.

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THE Company's Steamship

"SILESIA,"

Captain Stahle will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd March.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

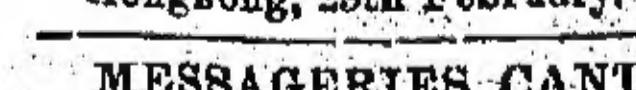
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Princes' Building.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1904.

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MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.

J. TEEVOUX & CO.

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THE Commodious Steamer

"PAUL BEAU,"

Captain Frangoul leaves Hongkong for Canton at 9 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M., taking passengers and cargo as usual, and will shortly be followed by the steamer "CHARLES HARDOUIN."

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First Class European ... \$3.00

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The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904.

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TO-DAY.

Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Geo P. Lommert, 2:30 p.m.

Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

11th March.

N LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1/10<sup>t</sup>

Bank Bills, on demand 1/10<sup>t</sup>

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/10<sup>t</sup>

Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight 1/10<sup>t</sup>

Credits at 4 months' sight 1/10<sup>t</sup>

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/10<sup>t</sup>

N GERMANY.— Bank Bills, on demand 232<sup>t</sup>

Credits, at 4 months' sight 237

N FRANCE.— On demand 189<sup>t</sup>

N NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 44<sup>t</sup>

Credits, 60 days' sight 45<sup>t</sup>

N BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer 137<sup>t</sup>

Bank, on demand 137<sup>t</sup>

N CALIFORNIA.— Telegraphic Transfer 137<sup>t</sup>

Bank, on demand 13<sup>t</sup>

N SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight 71

Private, 30 days' sight 71<sup>t</sup>

N YOKOHAMA.— On demand 91<sup>t</sup>

NOMINAL.

N SINGAPORE.— On demand Nominal

N BATAVIA.— On demand 111<sup>t</sup>

N HAIKONG.— On demand 13<sup>t</sup>

N SAIGON.— On demand 14<sup>t</sup>

N BANGKOK.— On demand 63<sup>t</sup>

Overseas, Bank's Buying Rate \$10.75

Old Leaf, 100 fine, per ton \$56.50

Ar Silver, per oz. 26<sup>t</sup>

OPIUM. 10th March.

Quotations are:— Allowance not to 1 catty.

New \$300 to \$320 per picul

Old \$40 to \$60

Alv. O. C. \$1040 to \$1065

Alv. V. C. \$1030 to \$1100

Asian fix quality \$390 to —

Asian ex. fix \$390 to —

Asian Nov. \$1282 to — per chest.

Asian Old \$1247 to —

Asian C. — \$1247 to —

Asian Silvee, per oz. —

— to —

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Hutching, from Swatow, Mr. and Mrs. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Schutze, Messrs. L. Windsor, E. Roosa, J. de Cruz, and Fannie.

Per Ceromandel, from Shanghai, for Hong Kong, Lieut.-Col. Mir, Miss Watt, Messrs. H. R. Hearson, Jameson, F. G. Oppenhaefer, C. L. Blund, and A. Justine; for Singapore, A. Jones; for Marseilles, Rev. J. Stobie, Mr. Azzaretti, Misses A. Fischio, M. Marnallo, and E. Emerson; for London, old Marseilles, and Mrs. C. J. F. Symone, and Miss L. H. Barnes; for London, Mrs. Stobie and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Laming and 3 children, Misses Paton, Starmer, and Garrison, Messrs. E. H. Barnet, D. D. Strachan, and J. Lennox, and 3 children; from Yokohama, for London, Mr. W. Monson.

Per Simla, from Hongkong, for London, Mr. and Mrs. Croysdale, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, Thomas; from Marseilles, Mr. B. McGregor; from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thomass, and three children, Messrs. C. J. Carver, Nathan, S. Khan, and A. F. Castile.

Per Gaelic, from San Francisco, &c., Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Weeks, Mrs. C. Richards, Mrs. Castle, Mrs. W. F. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Blakely, Mrs. E. Boreford, Misses L. McDonald, M. E. Beers, M. Yost, and M. Stewart, Messrs. C. A. Stewart, D. Ashurst, M. Boyer, F. A. Crooks, E. M. Ellison, Eugene Garnett, T. S. Hufford, M. B. Johnson, L. E. and Witt.

TO DEPART.

Per Easter, for Manila and Australian ports, Mr. and Mrs. N. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice, Mr. and Mrs. Goo Bow and 4 children, Mrs. Longworth, Mrs. Garlic, Misses Bachlor, Fischer, Mori, Coleston, Nicholson, Sears, Uers, Yost, Liddle, McDonald, Phillips, and Montgomery, Capt. Carter, R. N., Messrs. J. B. Lee, G. Armstrong, J. Morrison, A. Kelly, W. N. Nesbitt, F. Crooks, B. Porter, J. N. Sutton, C. Husted, J. F. Duff, C. H. T. Townsend, I. J. Prescott, H. S. Simpson, F. A. Wester, Wm. Wallace, M. R. Wheeler, C. S. Husted, D. H. King, J. Keran, Howard Ayre, H. H. Stanley, and S. Koizumi.

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Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

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## REVIEWS.

## RUSSIAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

## DISSOLVED BY THE POLICE.

*Things Chinese.* By J. DYER BALL. Hong-kong : Kelly & Walsh.

Of the multitude of books about China which have issued from the Press it may well be claimed that none are of more popular use and interest than Mr. Dyer Ball's *Things Chinese*, which has now run into a fourth edition. The revisions and additions have increased the number of pages to 816, including an index and glossary. For almost any "Thing Chinese" on which the reader requires enlightenment he will in all probability not seek in vain in these pages, and if the information be too concise for his purposes, the author supplies at the foot of each note a list of books recommended for further reference. While acknowledging his indebtedness to other writers, the author mentions in the preface that he has largely availed himself of his own personal observations and experiences in the course of nearly forty years spent in China, during which he has had many opportunities of observing and studying the Chinese in almost every aspect of their life and character. Mr. Dyer Ball's qualifications for writing a book of this description are well known to most residents in Hongkong, and the fact that the fourth edition of the book is now on sale is a proof of its public interest and utility. It took rank from its first publication as a standard work of reference on matters Chinese, and we have pleasure in commanding the volume to all who do not already possess it. Though the alterations and additions are not, as the author admits, large in bulk, they are very numerous in quantity, and consequently the fourth edition may be recommended as more complete and accurate than its predecessors. The new edition is well printed, but has been bound in a dubious yellow cloth which is not an improvement on the old binding.

*Great Masters.* London : Wm. Heinemann.

Mr. Heinemann has had the gratification of announcing that the subscribers to this enterprise—the issue in 25 monthly parts of reproductions in photogravure of 100 pictures representing every great master by some of his best works and every collection by some of its gems—have been more numerous than he had ever dared to hope. Yet when the quality of work is seen, it is hardly surprising that the demand for these reproductions is extensive, for no lover of art will be happy till he gets the whole series. Part VIII. has now reached us. Each part consists of five photogravures, the size of the plate being 15 by 20 inches.

*Love Songs and other Songs.* By BABONNE ALBERT D'AMETHAN. Tokyo : Kyo Sun.

Some of the little poems and fugitive verses contained in this small volume have appeared before in European and Far Eastern magazines and journals, but they possess a certain merit which justified their collection and republication in book form. The author, who is the wife of the Belgian Minister in Tokyo, is a sister of Mr. Rider Haggard, the well-known English novelist, and the Baroness herself is the author of one or two novels. In the volume are published for the first time two sets of verses dealing with that awful period of suspense when the whole civilised world was expecting confirmation of the rumours that the entire foreign community in the Chinese capital had been massacred by the hordes of fiends who for weeks had besieged the Legations. "Make haste" is the title of one set of verses which give expression to the public anxiety of that time, and equally stirring are the lines entitled "Rescue" written on the receipt of the joyful news of the relief of the Legations. The poetry is worthy of the theme.

## GERMAN OPINION REGARDING RUSSIA'S PLAINT.

The following Berlin telegram, dated Feb 25th, has been received at the Foreign Office, Tokyo:

"In commenting on the late circular of the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, the *Lokal Anzeiger* remarks that Japan had, in a formal sense, undoubtedly no right to land troops or to exercise her sovereignty within the territory of a country which was recognised as an independent State, and which declared its neutrality *vis-a-vis* the Russo-Japanese war; but practically the question is wholly different, because Korea, with her weak and insufficient military force, was not able to maintain neutrality. Therefore the Russians could freely enter Korea if the Japanese had not come there before them. It is, therefore, natural from the geographical position of the seat of war that Korean territory should be utilised as a basis of Japanese military operations. The recognition by the Powers of the independence of Korea under these treaties does not necessarily imply that they have guaranteed her inviolability in case of war, as, for instance, with regard to the case of Belgium. One point is, however, worthy of notice in the Russian circular, that neither Korea's neutrality nor the validity of ordinances emanating from the Korean Government is any longer acknowledged by the Russian Government."

The following comment appeared in the *Berlin Bourse Courier*:

"While the two belligerents are preparing for a serious combat on the battle-field, the interval is employed by them in waging a collateral diplomatic war. Japan inspired articles giving her case concerning the termination of negotiations and the rupture of diplomatic relations, while Russia brings severe accusations against Japan of violating international law. In regard to the Russian circular, from an important point of view, it can only be said that no complaint can be made against the Japanese Government, for the moment when they broke off diplomatic relations with Russia. The question, however, still remains unsolved: what were the reasons which induced Japan to break off diplomatic relations before the receipt of Russia's reply in Tokyo, which was only a matter of 24 hours' difference in waiting, and would not have caused any important change in the situation. At all events, it is needless now to pronounce any opinion as to which of the two parties was in the right or in the wrong; and according to the rules of war, the cannon of one will now decide."

## FRANCE AND THE WAR.

Writing on the 2nd ult., the Paris correspondent of the *Times* said:—

"The heart of France is not in the Far East, not even now that the critical moment would seem to be at hand when the question of peace or war is apparently to be solved. It is striking to observe with what calm and, indeed, unconcern the Russo-Japanese conflict is discussed by most Frenchmen in private conversation. The apprehension of the possibility of France's being dragged into an eventual war is significantly conspicuous by its absence. There seems to be among all classes but one preoccupation—namely, that there should be no war. Most of the newspapers have ceased to give prominence to the crisis, which they have from the beginning dealt with for the most part in a relatively impartial spirit and not at all as if they wish to foster the idea in Russia that France had the slightest inclination or the remotest intention of joining in the fray. What might happen if war did actually break out is a matter for speculation; but if I may venture an opinion I do not believe that Russia possesses the means of modifying the present aversion from war among the large majority of the French nation. There is, in fact, a prevalent opinion that no French Government could induce the Chambers, composed as they are at present of a majority of advanced Republicans, to sanction armed intervention in the Far East, unless complications involving the vital interests of the country were to arise, which is scarcely to be foreseen. Scant interest is taken outside Paris in Far Eastern affairs, and the widespread conviction in the provinces that the existing prosperity of France, as well as the future of the Republican form of Government, depends simply on a question of teaching the ignorant masses the advantages of cleanliness, of thorough ventilation, and of abstinence from excessive drinking. Unfortunately these arguments, however plausible from the point of view taken by the present autocratic Government, do not in practice cover the issue. Such freedom as that suggested does exist. It is possible to deliver lectures on ventilation or on the best means of keeping dwellings clean, but whenever any systematic effort of this sort is made the organisers immediately fall under the suspicion of the police. These benevolent and charitable endeavours are ascribed to some political motive, and a scientific lecture on sanitation may land its author in Siberia."

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